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# **The Department of Commerce Annual Program Performance Report**

Fiscal Year 1999



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## Secretary's Foreword



This document is the first Annual Program Performance Report for the Department of Commerce as required by the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA).

I am pleased to report that fiscal year 1999 marked many memorable achievements by the Department of Commerce. Working with the private sector and other Federal, state and local government agencies, the Department promoted E-commerce and the digital divide, broadened trade, and managed and improved our Nation's environment while promoting sustainable development. We neared completion on preparations for the 2000 Census, the largest peacetime

mobilization in our Nation's history. On the management front, we received an unqualified ("clean") audit opinion, on our Consolidated Financial Statements, for the first time ever. We became No. 1 in government procurement for small-, minority- and women-owned business. We implemented rigorous controls over our information technology projects, which comprise 17 percent of our budget. These achievements and many others provide the basis for sound delivery of our information and services to the American citizen.

This document is the Department's first formal report, under the GPRA, to both Congress and the public on how well we have discharged our responsibilities. As you examine the record, I believe you will agree that our successes are many. The Department of Commerce met or exceeded 60 percent of the performance goals set forth in our Annual Performance Plan. Another 38 percent of our performance targets were substantially met, while two percent were not achieved.

I am pleased with our progress and our dedication to continual improvement. This record is a tribute to each of our employees, who have been working around the country and overseas to provide every customer the best service possible.

This report, and our achievements, mark the beginning of a new partnership with America. There is no better way to guarantee results than to offer a public accounting for our use of your investment in government. I invite you to examine our record as we pursue our commitment to continued excellence.

**William M. Daley**  
*Secretary of Commerce*

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